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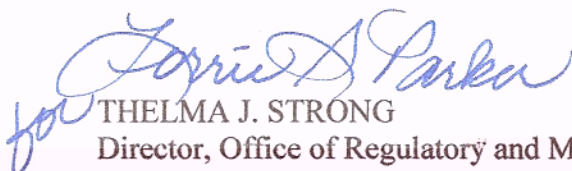
Dear Mr. Holsinger,

The purpose of this letter is solely to acknowledge receipt of your January 23, 2009 letter, which we received on February 5, 2009. You are requesting, on behalf of the Colorado Wool Growers Association, a correction of information pursuant to the Information Quality Act, (44 U.S.C. § 3516) ("Data Quality Act" or "DAQ"), the "Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information disseminated by Federal Agencies" issued by the Office of Management and Budget (67 Fed. Reg. 8452 (Feb 22, 2002) ("OMB" Guidelines)), as well as the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Information Quality Guidelines. Specifically, you are requesting that the Forest Service retract the Forest Service Bighorn Report and all reliance thereon in existing and subsequent forest plans and forest plan amendments, as well as decision on grazing permits and grazing permits renewals.

We have reviewed your petition against the criteria set forth by USDA Information Quality Office and accept it as a Data Challenge since you covered all required elements. Based on the same guidelines from USDA, we are afforded 60 working days from the date of receipt to provide an answer to you. We estimate that day to be May 1, 2009.

If you have any questions during the process, please call George Vargas, Forest Service Information Quality Officer, at 202-205-0444.

Sincerely,

  
for THELMA J. STRONG  
Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services

